

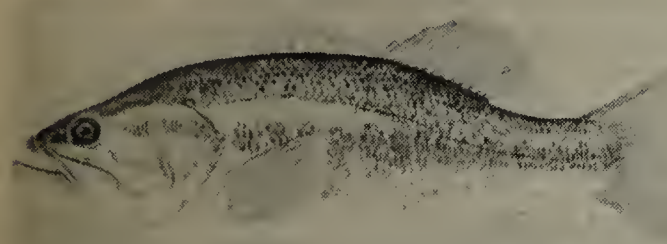
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1979 ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

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LARGEMOUTH BASS



LARGEMOUTH BASS
Micropterus salmoides
(Lacepede)

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres
Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: March, April & May
Baits: Jig and eel, plastic worms & Big O type lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake shoreline

BANGS LAKE — 297 Acres
Location: Lake County in Wauconda
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and channels

BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: April and May
Baits: Spinner baits, plastic worms & Rapellas
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees and attractors

BENTON CITY LAKE — 68 Acres
Location: Franklin County, 3 miles north of Benton
Months: April, May, June and September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 3½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Plastic worms, spinner baits & sonics
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres
Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, ½ mile northeast of Carlyle, 15 miles southeast of Greenville
Months: May, June, July, August & September
Baits: Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline with stickup, rip-rap and flooded timber

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale
Months: April & May
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Coves and points

CEDAR LAKE — 285 Acres
Location: Lake County, in Village of Lake Villa
Months: April and June
Baits: Plastic worms, crawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Lily pads in northwest section around island

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres
Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres
Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy
Months: April through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers or artificial lures
Average Weight: ¾ to 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Steep shoreline and dam

DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Drop-off at northwest side and weed beds

DEFIANCE LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 48 Acres
Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills St. Pk.
Months: May & June

Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

DIAMOND LAKE — 149 Acres
Location: Lake County, in Village of Mundelein
Months: May, June, September & October
Baits: Plastic worms
Average Weight: 1½ to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres
Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels in north section & weed beds

GILLESPIE LAKE — 270 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie
Months: May and June
Baits: Mepps, sonics, Rapellas and plastic worms
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and weed beds

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres
Location: Bond County, northeast edge at Greenville
Months: May, June, September and October
Baits: Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, brush & underwater structures

HOMER LAKE — 81 Acres
Location: Champaign County, 2 miles north of Homer
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush & edge of weed beds

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres
Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: April and May
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: 1¼ pounds
Areas to Fish: Cypress trees along shoreline

HORTON LAKE — 13 Acres
Location: Hancock County at Nauvoo
Months: April, May, June and September
Baits: Spinner baits and deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE -- 58 Acres
Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Fish attractors & points

LAKE JACKSONVILLE — 465 Acres
Location: Morgan County, 6 miles southeast of Jacksonville
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Spinner baits, plastic worms and deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline weed beds and tree tops in water

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres
Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded stickups, points and weed beds

LAKE CENTRALIA — 450 Acres
Location: Marion County
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and weed beds

LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres
Location: Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners and plastic worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and brush

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres
Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Stickups and logs

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels & weed beds

LAKE SARA — 586 Acres
Location: Effingham County, 5 miles northwest of Effingham
Months: April through August
Baits: Crank baits & spinners
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Points & shallow bays

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres
Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Spinners crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points & underwater structures

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby & Moultrie counties
Months: April through October
Baits: Deep diving plugs, plastic worms & spinner baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber, stickups, points and bays

LAKE OF THE WOODS — 26 Acres
Location: Champaign County, 2 miles northeast of Mahomet
Months: April, June and October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds

LAKE ZURICH — 220 Acres
Location: Lake County, in Village of Lake Zurich
Months: April through June
Baits: Plastic worms, crawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush & edge of weed beds

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres
Location: Massac County, one mile west of Mermet
Months: March and April
Baits: Spinner baits in spring; rubber worms in hot summer
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Logs, stumps in standing timber & levee rip-rap

NUMBER SIX LAKE (Kickapoo State Park) — 10 Acres
Location: Vermilion County, 2 miles east of Oakwood
Months: May to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish:

OTTER LAKE — 765 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 7 miles west of Girard
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Plastic worms, spinner baits and Rapellas
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres
Location: Edgar County, north edge of Paris
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres
Location: Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

RAMSEY LAKE — 47 Acres
Location: Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey
Months: April, May, June and September
Baits: Bombers
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres
Location: Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1¼ pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline with flooded brush, timber and rock rip-rap

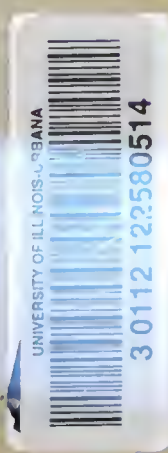
ST. ELMO NEW CITY LAKE — 68 Acres
Location: Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Secondary brush

SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres
Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville
Months: June & July
Baits: Worms & prepared bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around sunken logs

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinners & crank baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and points

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres
Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: April, May, June, September and October
Baits: Crank bait and spinner baits
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap and underwater structures

SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres
Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona



Months: May and June
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: July and August
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper end and bays

WALNUT POINT STATE LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush

WARRIOR LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 20 Acres

Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park
Months: April through June, January & February
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline and brush fish attractors

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: March, April, May and June
Baits: Spinner baits and deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish:Submerged trees

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton
Months: April through July & September through November
Baits: Artificial lures or nightcrawlers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees or dam

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weedy areas

KANKAKEE RIVER BACKWATERS — 65 Acres Des Plaines Conservation Area

Location: Will County, 4 miles west of Wilmington
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Kankakee backwaters on Des Plaines Conservation Area

KASKASKIA RIVER — 20 Miles

Location: Randolph & St. Clair counties, 2 miles west of Baldwin and at Evansville
Months: May, June, July and August
Baits: Spinner baits, plastic worms, Sonic, Cordel Spot, Thin Fin
Average Weight: 1¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: Side channels and main channel near brush

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 17 — 11,000 Acres

Location: Mercer County, Access at Crosses Corner, 5 miles west of Eliza
Months: May, June & October
Baits: Spinners and plastic worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Cleveland Slough at River Mile 439

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 18 — 13,300 Acres

Location: Henderson County, access at Putney's Landing, 4 miles south of Keithsburg
Months: May, June & October
Baits: Spinners and plastic worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Around duck blinds on Campbell Island sloughs and ponds

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and points

CHANNEL CATFISH



ARGYLE LAKE — 95 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms and cheese bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays at dusk on boat dock bay during daylight

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: April through October
Baits: Crayfish, nitecrawlers and cut bait
Average Weight: 1 to 20 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

BEAVER CANY LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: July, August and September
Baits: Worms, stink baits and shad guts
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Off the peninsula and fish attractors

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Worms and shad
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport
Months: May through October
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: River & creek channels, flooded ridges & tailwaters

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches & worms
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper creek channels and along dam

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,695 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: May and June
Baits: Shrimp, cheese baits & cut bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Grassy Bay, Wolf Creek & Cambria

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy
Months: June through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, cheese baits & sponge bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end of lake

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres

Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro
Months: June & July
Baits: Cut bait, leeches & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off dam, steep shoreline and points

FERNE CLYFFE STATE LAKE — 16 Acres

Location: Johnson County, 1 mile south of Goreville
Months: May & June
Baits: Cut baits, cheese bait & worms
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Bank in 3-5 foot depth, early morning or late evening

FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: June, July, September, January & February
Baits: Golden shiners, nitecrawlers & prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Crabapple Island & channels

GILLESPIE OLD LAKE — 71 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Worms and shad
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Grass Island & channels

HORTON LAKE — 13 Acres

Location: Hancock County, at Nauvoo
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Stink baits, worms & shad guts
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms and prepared baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Near dam

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: June & July
Baits: Catfish stink bait, cut bait & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off fishing piers, dam and along south shoreline

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: June through September
Baits: Prepared baits & worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Dam and shallows of upper end of lake

LAKE CHARLESTON — 359 Acres

Location: Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres

Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: Summer
Baits: Prepared baits and worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallows of upper end and dam

LAKE LE-AQUA-NA — 43 Acres

Location: Stephenson County, 2 miles north of Lena
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers and cheese baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: May and June
Baits: Cut bait, worms and cheese bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Dam rip-rap, coves (4-6 feet deep)

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby & Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay; 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May through September
Baits: Large shiners, crayfish, leeches, nitecrawlers and shad
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Kaskaskia River, shallow bays, with flooded timber, tailwater areas, flats and submerged ridges

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring, summer & fall
Baits: Shad, prepared cheese baits
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, rip-rap and underwater structures

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Stink baits, cut bait and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Main water pump and new boat ramp

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers and cheese baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: May, June, July, August, September, January & February
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around islands

PITTSFIELD LAKE — 241 Acres

Location: Pike County, 3 miles northeast of Pittsfield
Months: May & June
Baits: Cheese baits & cut shad
Average Weight: 2 to 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas

PYRAMID PARK (Crystal Lake) — 5 Acres

Location: Perry County, 4 miles south of Pickneyville
Months: May and June
Baits: Cut bait, worms and cheese bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bank fish 8-12 feet deep

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres

Location: Marion County, mile northeast of Centralia
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

RAMSEY LAKE — 47 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Cheese bait and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Middle of bays

RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE — 65 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 5 miles northeast of Chester
Months: April through August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Entire lake, shallow bays

RED HILLS LAKE — 40 Acres

Location: Lawrence County, 1 mile northeast of Sumner
Months: July and August
Baits: Stink bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Bays

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: May through Mid-October
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches & worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: River and Creek channels, flats with 3-6 foot depths and flooded timber

SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville
Months: June and July
Baits: Worms and prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around sunken logs and creek channels

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: July & August
Baits: Worms and stink baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Bays and coves

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
breakwaters (best time to fish dusk and dawn); usually close to shore

Months: Spring, Summer & Fall
Baits: Shad and prepared cheese baits
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Middle arm

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: May and June
Baits: Cheese baits and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow arms and east end
SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres
Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers and cheese baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

SILOAM SPRINGS LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May, June and August
Baits: Cheese baits and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North and west arms

STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: July and August
Baits: Cheese baits and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper end and bays
WALNUT POINT STATE LAKE — 59 Acres
Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: In bays

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May, June, July and August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton
Months: July through September
Baits: Cheese baits, nitecrawlers and chicken livers
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper bay and east shore near old dam

HENNEPIN CANAL —

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms and prepared baits
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline and snags

EMBARRAS RIVER — 50 Miles

Location: Coles and Cumberland counties, Oakland to Greenup
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

FOX RIVER —

Location: Kendall County, 1 mile south of Plano
Months: May through September
Baits: Stink bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Silver Springs State Park, below Yorkville Dam

FOX RIVER (McHenry Dam) —

Location: McHenry County, 2 miles southeast of McHenry off River Road
Months: June and July
Baits: Shrimp and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Swift water below dam

ILLINOIS RIVER — 10 Miles

Location: Greene County, Kampsville to Hardin
Months: September and October
Baits: Worms, shad and stink baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees

ILLINOIS RIVER —

Location: LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park
Months: June through September
Baits: Cut bait and shad guts
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwater (below dam)

ILLINOIS RIVER — 3 Miles

Location: Scott County, at Florence bridge
Months: September and October
Baits: Worms, shad and stink baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees

ILLINOIS RIVER —

Location: Woodford County, at Woodford County Conservation Area
Months: May through September
Baits: Cut bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: In channel

ILLINOIS RIVER — 5 Miles

Location: Mason County, at Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Small shad, cut bait, minnows, shad guts, cheese and blood bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: At Conservation Department’s Havana Fisheries Station

IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles

Location: Iroquois County, Watseka area
Months: June through September

Baits: Chicken livers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep water in Watseka area

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles

Location: Will & Kankakee counties, Kankakee Dam, State Line, Wilmington Dam, Momence Island Park, Des Plaines Conservation Area and Kankakee State Park
Months: May through September
Baits: Stink baits, cheese and crushed minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Above or just below riffles and pool areas

KASKASKIA RIVER — 35 Miles

Location: Douglas, Coles & Moultrie counties, from Rt. 36 south to Allen-ville
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Nitecrawlers and stink bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

KASKASKIA RIVER — 5 Miles

Location: Fayette County, at Vandalia
Months: May, June, September & October
Baits: Stink baits and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2½ pounds

Areas to Fish: Brush, trees and pools

KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles

Location: Randolph County
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms, stink baits, shad guts and cut bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds

Areas to Fish: Around rock rip-rap and brush

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 16 —

Location: Rock Island, between Rock Island, Ill. and Muscatine, Ia.
Months: July through September
Baits: Prepared catfish bait
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Wing dams

ROCK RIVER — 150 Miles

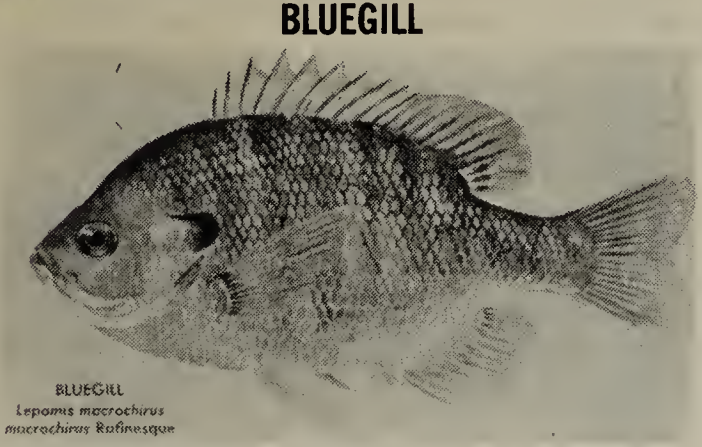
Location: Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island counties, Rock-ford, Byron, Grand Detour, Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and Milan
Months: March (at mouth of feeder stream); late May through Sep-tember
Baits: Shrimp, worms, minnows & stink baits
Average Weight: 1½ to 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwaters below dams, below riffles, mouth of tributary streams and deep holes below obstructions

WABASH RIVER —

Location: Wabash County, 2 miles southeast of Grayville
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp & stink bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along areas of rapid water

WABASH RIVER, OLD DAM AT NEW HARMONY —

Location: New Harmony, Indiana
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp and stink bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along areas of rapid water.



BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: June, July and September
Baits: Crickets and redworms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Weed beds, trees and fish attractors

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder
Months: May, June, July & September
Baits: Crickets and redworms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Bays with flooded brush & timber or islands north of railroad

CEDAR LAKE — 285 Acres

Location: Lake County, Lake Villa, Illinois
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ½ pound

Areas to Fish: North of island and northwest section

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Wolf Creek, stumps, brush and spawn beds

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Lero,
Months: May through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers and jigs
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound

Areas to Fish: Brushy areas and weed beds

DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Nitecrawlers and worms
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

DEVIL’S KITCHEN — 810 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 8 miles southeast of Carbondale
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres

Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles
southeast of McLeansboro
Months: May and June

Baits: Worms

Average Weight: ¼ pound

Areas to Fish: Weed beds and fish attractors

HORTON LAKE — 13 Acres

Location: Hancock County, at Nauvoo
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Worms, crickets and artificial flies
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: April and May
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds and Cypress trees

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing brush 8-12 feet deep

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallows, upper end and bays

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: June through September
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres

Location: Rock Island, County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed and bays

LAKE LE AQUA NA — 43 Acres

Location: Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms

Average Weight: 1/5 pound

Areas to Fish: Shoreline and fish cribs

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay and 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May, June, July, August and September
Baits: Crickets, redworms, poppers and wet flies
Average Weight: ¼ pound

Areas to Fish: Bays with flooded brush and timber

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound

Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound

Areas to Fish: Around standing brush, also stumps and logs in timber

RED HILLS LAKE — 40 Acres

Location: Lawrence County, 1 mile northeast of Sumner
Months: May, June and July
Baits: Worms, crickets and grubs
Average Weight: ¾ pound

Areas to Fish: Logs and brush

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Crickets and redworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound

Areas to Fish: Areas or bays with flooded brush & timber

ST ELMO NEW CITY LAKE — 68 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Crickets and redworms

Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Points and shallow bays
SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville
Months: May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds and brush piles
SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and bays

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres
Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets, redworms and meal worms
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Backs of shallow coves
SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets, redworms and meal worms
Average Weight: ½ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: North and east arms

STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres
Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Crickets and artificial flies
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds and spawning beds

STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres
Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100
Months: April, May, June, September and October
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and submerged tree tops

TOMAHAWK LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 9 Acres
Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills St. Pk.
Months: January, February, April through June
Baits: Wax worms, crickets and worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound

Areas to Fish: Along the shoreline and brush fish attractors
WALNUT POINT STATE LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush

WARRIOR LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 20 Acres
Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills St. Pk.
Months: April through June, January & February
Baits: Crickets, worms and meal worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline and brush fish attractors

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets, worms and meal worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton
Months: May through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers and redworms
Average Weight: ½ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Near fallen trees and weed beds

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres
Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Earthworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Anywhere in lake
HENNEPIN CANAL —

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 17 — 11,000 Acres
Location: Mercer County, access at Crosses Corner, 5 miles west of Eliza
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around shoreline in Cleveland Slough at river mile 439.

CRAPPIES



ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres
Location: Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana



Months: April, May, September and October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Stumps
BIG LAKE (Silver Springs State Park) — 16 Acres

Location: Kendall County, 1 mile south of Plano
Months: May through September
Baits: Live minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: East end of lake
CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: April and May
Baits: White crappie jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Over submerged brush

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: April, May, September and October
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County
Months: March and April
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing timber and brush

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres (Fox Chain O'Lakes)
Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, January and February
Baits: Minnows and ice jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres
Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: April, May and September
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Near fish attractors

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres
Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: April and October
Baits: Jigs and Doll flies (minnow fishing not allowed)
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing brush in spring; trolling along south shoreline

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro
Months: April
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and brush

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres
Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: May through September
Baits: Jigs
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: March, April, October and November
Baits: Small jigs and spinners
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels

LAKE LOU YEAGER — 1,700 Acres
Location: Montgomery County, northeast edge of Litchfield
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures and brush piles

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: April
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops, brush and fish attractors

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby & Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Minnows, jigs and small spinning lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush & timber, rock rip-rap and tailwater

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres
Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: April, May, June and October
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush
NUMBER 6 LAKE (Kickapoo State Park) —
Location: Vermilion County, 2 miles east of Oakwood
Months: April through June, September and November
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ½ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: North end of lake

***RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**
Location: Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia
Months: March, April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

***SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres**
Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Live minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and tree tops

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres
Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures

***REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**
Location: Franklin and Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sessor
Months: March to mid-June, September and October
Baits: Minnows, jigs and spinner baits
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush & timber, river and creek channels

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres
Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and submerged tree tops

STUMP LAKE AREA (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres
Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton off Rt. 100
Months: April, May, September and October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and submerged tree tops

WALNUT POINT STATE LAKE — 59 Acres
Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland
Months: April, May, June and October
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton
Months: March to July & September thru November
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees or weed beds

***PIERCE LAKE — 167 Acres**

Location: Winnebago County, Rockford
Months: May and September
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Drift open waters or fish cribs

HENNEPIN CANAL —
Location: Bureau, Henry & Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: May through September
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush

KASKASKIA RIVER — 20 Miles
Location: Randolph & St. Clair counties, 2 miles west of Baldwin and at Evansville
Months: April and May
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Side channels near and in brush
MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 16, VELIE CHUTE
Location: Rock Island County, 3½ miles west of Andalusia
Months: May and June
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Near brush or log jams

REDEAR SUNFISH

COULTERVILLE CITY RESERVOIR — 25 Acres
Location: Randolph County, 1½ miles northwest of Coulterville
Months: May
Baits: Crickets, meal worms & red wigglers
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds
DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres
Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy



Months: May through October
Baits: Red worms and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ½ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Weed areas
DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres
Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro
Months: June
Baits: Spinner worm combination
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds in shallow water (8-12 feet deep) in late summer

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Henry County, 4 miles south to Annawan
Months: June through September
Baits: Crickets and worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Entire Lake

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres

Location:Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Fish attractors

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

LAKE OF THE WOODS — 26 Acres

Location: Champaign County, 2 miles northeast of Mahomet
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

ST ELMO NEW CITY LAKE — 68 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Redworms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Center of bays

SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow spawning areas up to 10 feet deep during summer

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and deeper bays

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets, redworms and meal worms
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Backs of shallow coves

SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets, redworms and meal worms
Average Weight: ½ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: North and east arms

WALNUT POINT STATE LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and weed beds

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May
Baits: Crickets, meal worms and red wigglers
Average Weight: ½ to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

WHITE BASS



BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: January and February
Baits: Spinner baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: At mouth of hot water discharge ditch

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake
Months: July, August & September
Baits: Jigs, minnows and small spinning lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around islands, rip-rap, points and tailwaters

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: June
Baits: Spinners (½ oz. or smaller)
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Open water in main basin (look for schooling fish)

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April, May, June and January
Baits: Ice jigs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Channels and sand bars, moving deeper as summer progresses

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May through September
Baits: Jigs, small spinning lures and minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Points, rock rip-rap, Kaskaskia River, flooded flats and tailwaters

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Small spinners and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Open waters

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: June through September
Baits: Small spinning lures, jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Points, rock rip-rap and around islands

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Small spinners and jigs
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Middle and west arms

ILLINOIS RIVER —

Location: La Salle County, at Starved Rock State Park
Months: May and June
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Rocky shore of island and tailwater (below dam)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, SYLVAN SLOUGH

Location: Rock Island County, in Moline
Months: April, May, August and September
Baits: Jigs, minnows and spinners
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound

BULLHEADS



CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: April and May
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Upper shallow end

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: April through September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser

Months: April, May, June and July
Baits: Worms, crayfish and bait shrimp
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays, along shore of rivers & creeks, channels and tailwaters

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Worms, chicken liver and prepared baits
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Bays

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: May, June and August
Baits: Worms and small crayfish
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

STUMP LAKE — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100
Months: April through July, September & October
Baits: Worms, shrimp and crawdads
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops & brush piles

VIRGINIA LAKE — 15 Acres

Location: Cass County, 1 mile north of Virginia
Months: May, June, July and August
Baits: Catalpa worms, worms and small crayfish
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Near dam

WALNUT POINT STATE LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 3 miles north of Oakland
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Bays

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: April through August
Baits: Worms and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton
Months: May through October
Baits: Crayfish and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

CARP



CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: May through September
Baits: Dough balls and worms
Average Weight: 2 or 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper end of lake

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette counties, Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport adjoin the lake
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms and dough balls
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline areas and tailwaters

LAKE CHARLESTON — 359 Acres

Location: Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and dough balls
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms and dough bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays, river and creek channels & tailwaters

SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres

Location: Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville
Months: June, July, August and September
Baits: Dough bait
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays

SCHUYRUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Dough baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end

STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100
Months: April through October
Baits: Dough baits and worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops

HENNEPIN CANAL —

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: June, July and August

Baits: Worms
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and snags
EMBARRAS RIVER — 50 Miles

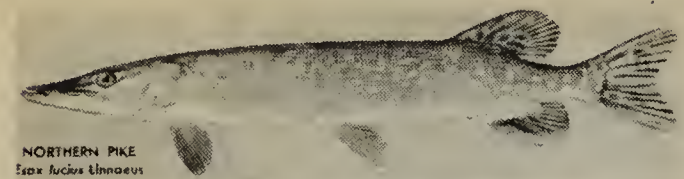
Location: Coles and Cumberland counties, from Oakland to Greenup
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and dough balls
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush
FOX RIVER (McHenry Dam)
Location: McHenry County, 2 miles southeast of McHenry off River Road
Months: May through October
Baits: Worms and dough bait
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Above or below dam along park frontage

ILLINOIS RIVER —
Location: Mason County, at Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and dough balls
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station
KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles

Location: Kankakee and Will counties
Months: May through September
Baits: Dough balls
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: State line in early fall, backwaters at Des Plaines Conservation Area, pools behind dams at Kankakee & Wilmington
KASKASKIA RIVER — 35 Miles

Location: Coles, Moultrie & Douglas counties, from Allenville north to Rt. 36
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and dough balls
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush
MISSISSIPPI RIVER — 220 Miles
Location: Madison to Alexander counties
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and dough baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and backwaters
ROCK RIVER
Location: Winnebago to Rock Island counties, Rockford to Milan
Months: June, July and August
Baits: Worms and dough baits
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and snags

NORTHERN PIKE



CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, September through November
Baits: Live minnows and artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off sandbar at north end along edge of weed beds

DIAMOND LAKE — 149 Acres
Location: Lake County, in Village of Mundelein
Months: September and October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 3 to 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Drop off on west shore
EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres
Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83
Months: April, May, October, January & February
Baits: Golden shiners, spoons and flatfish
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off weed beds

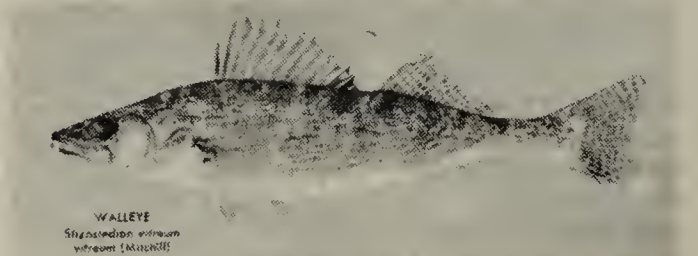
LAKE MARIE — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, September through November
Baits: Live minnows and artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along north shoreline
LAKE ZURICH — 220 Acres
Location: Lake County, in Village of Lake Zurich
Months: April through June
Baits: Golden roaches and artificial lures
Average Weight: 3½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Along edge of weed beds

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres
Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: April through September
Baits: Artificial baits
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and weed beds
WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres
Location: Cook County in Chicago
Months: Early spring
Baits: Live shiners
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weedy shoreline

KANKAKEE RIVER BACKWATER AREAS — 59 Miles
Location: Will and Kankakee counties
Months: Spring and fall
Baits: Live bait, shiners and suckers
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Early spring, backwater areas, Des Plaines Conservation

area backwaters; Summer & fall - backwater ebb areas downstream
sluggish water behind islands and ebb areas formed by tributaries to Kankakee River
MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 12 — 12,450 Acres
Location: JoDaviess County, access at Frentress Lake, East Dubuque
Months: March and April
Baits: Minnows and artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Mouth of Menominee River

WALLEYE



CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette counties, at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder
Months: June through October
Baits: Spinning lures, jigs and deep running plugs
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, around islands and tailwater
CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale
Months: April
Baits: Bombers, artificial lures trolled over points
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points and shelves

FOX LAKE (Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres
Location: Lake County, Fox Lake, Illinois
Months: April, May, June, September and October
Baits: Artificial lures, minnows and plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Mineola Bay, west side

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April, May, June, September and October
Baits: Artificial lures, minnows and plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline at drop-off

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby & Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April, May, June and September
Baits: Jigs and minnow combination and spinning lures
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded ridges, drop off, flats, Kaskaskia River and tailwater

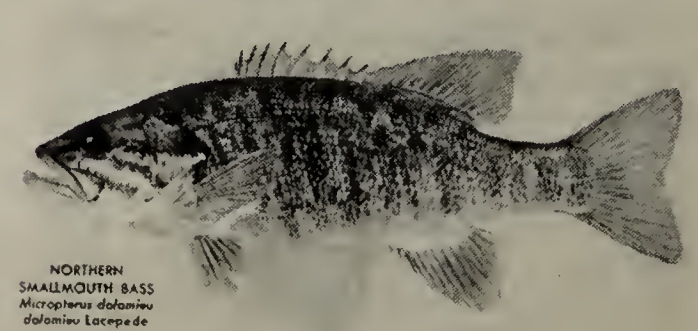
SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres
Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: March and April
Baits: Live minnows and minnow like lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end and along dam

SOUTHWESTERN COAL COMPANY RECREATION AREA — 170 Acres
Location: Randolph County, at Steelville
Months: March, April and May
Baits: Jigs, sinking Rapala, deep running minnow like lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: West "C" Lake and East "C" Lake

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles
Location: Will and Kankakee counties
Months: Early spring, mid-summer and fall
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Early spring-mouth of tributaries and below Kankakee, Wilmington & Momence dams; mid-summer - below Rt. 53 bridge in Wilmington; fall-below dams

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 18
Location: Mercer County, 4 miles northwest of New Boston
Months: April and October
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwater on Dam 17
PECATONICA RIVER
Location: Winnebago County, at Pecatonica
Months: April and October
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds

SMALLMOUTH BASS



FOX RIVER
Location: LaSalle County, at Ottawa
Months: April, May and June
Baits: Minnows and spinner baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Drop-offs near rocky ledges

IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles
Location: Iroquois County, Iroquois to Aroma Park
Months: April through June
Baits: Small spinners and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Deep pools near brush piles
KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles
Location: Kankakee & Will counties
Months: April, May and August
Baits: Spinners, crayfish and earth worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dams at Kankakee, Wilmington & Momence; mouth of small tributary streams in early spring
KISHWAUKEE RIVER
Location: Winnebago County, at Kishwaukee Forest Preserve
Months: May and June
Baits: Spinners

Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep pools and riffles
MIDDLE FORK VERMILION RIVER — 50 Miles
Location: Champaign & Vermilion counties, from Penfield to Oakwood
Months: April to June
Baits: Small spinners and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep pools near brush

ROCK RIVER
Location: Ogle County, at Grand Detour
Months: May and June
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Riffles and areas of fast current
ROCK RIVER
Location: Whiteside County, below dam at Sterling
Months: May and June
Baits: Spinner baits
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Riffles and fast current

FLATHEAD CATFISH



CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres
Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport
Months: June through September
Baits: Shad, green sunfish, large shiners and chubs and 1 pound carp and dogfish
Average Weight: 30 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, river and creek channels and tailwater

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres
Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring, summer and fall
Baits: Shad and prepared cheese baits
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap and points
LITTLE WABASH RIVER
Location: Wayne County, Hedge bridge, 2 miles north of Rt. 15
Months: June, July, August and September
Baits: Crayfish, chub, shiners and sunfish
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along log piles

KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles
Location: Randolph County
Months: May through September
Baits : Worms, cut bait and chubs
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, deep holes and brush
ROCK RIVER — 14 Miles
Location: Lee and Whiteside counties, River pool between Sterling and Dixon
Months: June through September
Baits: Live bluegill
Average Weight: 20 to 40 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep holes

BLUE CATFISH

WABASH RIVER
Location: Wabash County, 2 miles southeast of Grayville
Months: June, July, August and September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp and stink bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below fast water of old dam

FRESHWATER DRUM

ILLINOIS RIVER
Location: Mason County, at Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and minnows
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

BROWN TROUT

LAKE MICHIGAN
Location: Cook and Lake counties, entire shoreline in Illinois
Months: March through August
Baits: Nitecrawlers, spawn sacs, small spoons, spinners and cut bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Hot water discharges when lake is cold, from piers and

LAKE MICHIGAN
Location: Cook and Lake counties, entire Illinois shoreline
RAINBOW TROUT (Steelhead)
Months: June through August - trolling; April, May, September and October - shore fishing
Baits: Trolling-spoons, nitecrawlers, spawn sacs and cut bait
Average Weight: 4-¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: Trolling: entire shoreline in Illinois (prefer 55° F. water temperature), shore fishing: piers and breakwaters (hot water discharges in April)

CHINOOK SALMON
Months: August and September - boat trolling; September 16 through December 31 - snagging only at designated areas
Baits: Boat trolling - spoons, spoons and flies with or without dodgers; snagging - weighted treble hook
Average Weight: 7 to 15 pounds
Areas to Fish: Usually 15 miles from shore (where water temperature is from 52 to 59 degrees F.

COHO SALMON
Months: April, May & June; September 16 through December 31 - snagging only at designated areas
Baits: Nitecrawlers in April from breakwaters and piers; spoons, squids and flies trolled with or without dodgers; snagging - weighted treble hook
Average Weight: 2 to 9 pounds
Areas to Fish: Troll mid-water to surface at water temperatures of 52 to 59 degrees F.

SMELT
Months: Spawning run begins as early as March 17 or as late as April 28; best fishing usually April 10-20
Baits: Small mesh gill nets or trolley lines, boom nets & seines
Average Weight: 1 ounce
Areas to Fish: Chicago Park District properties, from piers and breakwaters, and seining at Illinois Beach State Park, Zion, Illinois

YELLOW PERCH
Months: May through July
Baits: Redworms, minnows, 'peelers', crayfish tails and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: From piers and breakwaters, in rocky areas

LAKE TROUT
Months: June through October
Baits: Trolled spoons
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Near bottom; prefer 50 to 55 degrees F. water

FISHING GUIDE TO COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE WATERS

This guide lists Cook County forest preserve waters open to public fishing, and also the location, size, depth and principal kinds of fish in each water area. Where available, public transportation is also noted.
Depth contour maps of many lakes in the Forest Preserve District have been completed and are available upon request from: Cook County Forest Preserve District, Conservation Department, 536 N. Harlem Ave, River Forest, Illinois 60305. Others are being worked on. We hope to have all of the major water areas mapped in 3 or 4 years.

FISHING REGULATIONS
The Cook County Forest Preserve District works closely with the Illinois Department of Conservation in managing these waters for hook and line fishing. With one major exception, State rules and regulations hold true for fishing in the preserves. The exception: **Bow and arrow fishing for rough fish is not permitted in the preserves.** All waters in the forest preserves are designated fish preserves. Fishermen are limited to two lines with no more than two hooks per line and no trolley lines.

A valid Illinois hook and line fishing license is required except for persons that are under 16, disabled or blind, or over 65 years of age. In addition, anyone required to have a valid fishing license must have a State trout and salmon stamp when fishing for trout within the Forest Preserve District trout lakes.

Daily limits, length limits and closed seasons have been removed from all fish found in forest preserve waters, with three exceptions. These are: **no more than 6 largemouth bass or smallmouth bass**, regardless of size, may be taken in one day; **no more than 3 northern pike** may be taken in one day (and these must be 24 inches long or longer); **and no more than 5 trout** may be taken in one day. Use of minnow seine is not allowed except in the Des Plaines River for bait collecting.

Ice Fishing is permitted on designated forest preserve lakes during winter months when the ice has become 4 or more inches thick. Public announcements are made in the news media when conditions permit such fishing and which lakes are open during each year.

ILLEGAL ACTIONS
It is unlawful to release any fish (including minnows or goldfish) in any Cook County waters, except in the Waters from which they were taken, without having first secured permission from the Conservation Department of the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

It is illegal to abandon, deposit or throw any wire, can, bottle, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard boxes, wood cartons, trees, parts of trees, brush or other insoluble material (including animal or vegetable material) into the waters or on the ice of any waters of the County, or

in any place on the bank of waters in the County, where it shall be liable to be washed into the waters by storms, floods or other causes.

BOATING REGULATIONS
No private watercraft is allowed on Cook County Forest Preserve District waters, except as listed below under BOATING WATERS. (No private watercraft permitted on District waters overnight. No outboard or electric motors allowed on District waters except as listed). **ACCEPTABLE WATER CRAFT AS PER CURRENT FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT REGULATIONS. BOATING WATERS (Motors Allowed)**

Des Plaines River: Wheeling, Ill. to Lemond, Ill. for all watercraft. One ramp at Plank Rd. Meadow which is located N. of Ogden Ave. just E. of First Ave. in Lyons, Ill.
Little Calumet River: for all watercraft. Two ramps; one north of Jackson St. E. of Ashland Ave.; the other is S. of 131st St., W. of the Calumet Expressway.

BOATING WATERS (No Motors)
Beck Lake: N. of Central Rd., E. of River Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramps available off of parking area.
Big Bend Lake: SW. corner of Golf and Bender Roads. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramp available off of parking area.

Busse Lake: S. of Higgins Rd. between I-90 and Arlington Hts. Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats to be allowed in the S. lateral pool and on the main lake S. of Higgins Rd. upon completion of access roads and launching facilities.
Skokie Lagoons: N. of Willow Rd., S. of Lake-Cook Rd., E. of the Edens Expressway. Parking and launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of the Edens. For Sailboats. canoes and rowboats.

I & M Canal: Willow Springs area — enter at Willow Springs Rd. — Canoes only.
Powderhorn Lake, N. of Brainard Ave., E. of Burnham Ave. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.
Maple Lake: S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. Rowboat rental — no private rowboats.

Saganashkee Slough: S. of 107th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. Rowboat rental. Private rowboats. Launch from west parking lot only.
Tampier Lake: W. of Wolf Rd., S. of 131st St. Rowboat rental. Private rowboats. Launch from west parking lot only.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE FISHING WATERS

AXEHEAD LAKE: On the corner of Touhy Ave. and River Rd. E. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 17 acres. Depths to 31 feet. Largemouth bass, perch, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads. Trout are stocked three times each spring. Depth contour map is available.

BECK LAKE: Two and one-half miles NE of Des Plaines, N. off of Central Rd., ¼ mile W. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 38 acres. Depths to 21 feet. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Largemouth bass, bluegill, perch, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.

BELLEAU LAKE: W. of Tri-State Tollway off Busse Hwy. Area 12 acres. Depths to 35 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead. Trout are stocked three times each spring. Depth contour map is available.

BELLY DEEP SLOUGH' Between U.S. 45 and Kean Ave., ½ mile S. of 95th St. Parking on E. side of U.S. 45. Area 15 acres. Depths to 5 feet. Lake suffered a drastic fish kill the winter of 1976-77. Rough fish only remain. Depth contour map is available.

BIG BEND LAKE: NE of Des Plaines at SW corner of Golf and Bender Rd. Area 22 acres. Depths to 25 feet. This entire lake area closed to all usage, including fishing, due to extensive construction changing lake depths and shoreline profiles.

BODE LAKES: Two lakes, 3 miles N. of Hanover Park, 4 miles E. of Elgin on Bode Rd., 1 mile W. of Barrington Rd. Combined area 20 acres. Depths to 24 feet in South Lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, northern pike, sunfishes, carp, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

BULLFROG LAKE: Two miles SW of Willow Springs, ½ mile S. of 95th St. off of Wolf Rd. Area 16 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Use Valley Transit Line on Rt. 171 to 95th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill. Depth contour map is available.

BUSSE LAKE: South of Higgins Rd. between Interstate 90 and Arlington Heights Rd. Total area of 589 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Three separate bodies of water: N. lateral pool (24 acres); S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted on main lake S. of Higgins Rd. and on S. lateral pool. Fishes to be stocked are: Largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, sunfishes. Area closed to fishing until September 1, 1980.

CERMAK QUARRY: Near Cermak Swimming pool on Ogden Ave ½ mile W. of Harlem Ave. in the Village of Lyons. Area 2 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, bullhead, channel catfish.

DEER GROVE LAKE: In Deer Grove Forest Preserve, N. of Dundee Rd., W. of Quantins Rd., NW of Palatine. Area 5 acres. Depths to 5 feet. Bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead.

DES PLAINES RIVER: This largest natural stream in Cook County winds 50 miles between Wheeling and Lemont with 30 miles bordered by Forest Preserves. Cleaner waters, best fishing are between Wheeling and Rosemont. Has northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill,

sunfishes, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, yellow bass, carp, goldfish, suckers. Open to all boating (with one ramp in Lyons, N. of Ogden Ave., E. of First Ave.; another launching site in Willow Springs, W. of Willow Springs Rd. on N. bank of River) — public transportation to river.

FLATFOOT LAKE: Two miles NE of Dolton on W. side of Calumet Expressway (with entrance from expressway going S.). Area 15 acres. Depths to 17 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes. bullhead, carp, goldfish, perch. Depth contour map is available.

HORSETAIL LAKE: On E. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), N. of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.). Area 11 acres. Depths to 26 feet. Deepened and shoreline repaired in 1973-75. Restocked in 1976 with largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Will reopen to fishing in mid-1980. Depth contour map is available.

IDA LAKE: One-half mile S. of Highway 66 and 1 mile N. of Interstate 55 on W. side of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 10 acres. Depths to 16 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp.

JOE'S POND: On W. Side of Willow Springs Rd (104th Ave.). 1 mile S. of 95th St. Area 8 acres, Depths to 11 feet. Suffered a complete kill of major game fishes in 1976-77 winter. Bluegill, bullhead and carp available. Will have the fish population renovated in 1978.

MAPLE LAKE: Located on the S. side of 95th St., ½ mile W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.). Four parking areas around the lake. Rowboat rental for fishing and pleasure at the W. parking lot off of Wolf Rd. from April through October. Area 55 acres. Depths to 22 feet. Can be reached by the Valley Transit Bus Line on Rt. 171 to 95th St. Fish population renovated and shoreline repaired in 1975. Fish population restocked in 1976. The lake was opened to fishing in 1978. Fishes stocked are largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Depth contour map is available.

MCGINNIS SLOUGH: Off of U.S. 45 (Mannheim Rd.) approximately ½ mile north of Orland Park, Area 303 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Only E. end is open to fishing; remainder is a waterfowl refuge. Bullhead goldfish, sunfishes, bluegill.

MIDLOTHIAN RESERVOIR: On W. side of Cicero Avenue at 167th Street in Oak Forest. Area 25 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Connected with Midlothian Creek with resultant water level fluctuations. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullhead, carp, suckers.

PAPOOSE LAKE: On S. side of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.) ¼ mile W. of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 18 acres. Depths to 10 feet. All fishes killed in winter of 1976-77 and lake renovation in Sept. 1977. Lake closed to all fishing until mid-1980. Depth contour map is available.

POTAWATOMI LAKE: One-half mile E. of Wheeling, N. side of Dundee Rd., E. of the Des Plaines River. Area 4.5 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads.

POWDERHORN LAKE: Two miles N of Calumet City, ½ mile E. of Burnham Ave. on N. side of Brainard Ave. Area 35 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Marsh to N. a Wildlife Refuge — no fishing allowed. Private rowboats, sailboats, canoes allowed. Northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch, bullhead, sunfishes, channel catfish, carp. Depth contour map is available.

SAG QUARRY EAST: Near village of Sag Bridge off of Rt. 83, ½ mile S. of Calumet-Sag Canal bridge on old Archer Ave. Parking along road. Area of 10 acres. Depths to 18 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, carp, crappie. Trout stocked three times each spring. Use Valley Transit Bus Rt. 171 to Sag Bridge. Depth contour map is available.

SAG QUARRY WEST: Same location as Sag Quarry East except on W. side of Old Archer Ave. Area of 15 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Quarry suffered a serious winter kill in 1976-77. Area closed to all fishing for reestablishment of new fishery. Depth contour map available.

SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH: Along 107th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), parking on E. and W. ends of slough; area 325 acres. This area is completely drained to rebuild the east dam and parking lot area, additional shoreline repair to be completed. Lake closed to all fishing until 1981.

SCHILLER POND: W. of Cumberland Ave. N. of Irving Park Rd. Area 6 acres. Depths to 8 feet. This pond suffered some winter kill in 1976-77. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp

SKOKIE LAGOONS: East of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Seven interconnected lagoons with a total area of 190 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Private rowboats, sailboats and canoes are allowed. Launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of Edens Expressway. Rough fish mainly.

TAMPIER LAKE: Between Wolf and Will-Cook Rds., S. of 131st St. Area 160 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp. Boat Rental at W. end of the lake off of Will-Cook Rd. Depth contour map is available.

TUMA LAKE: E. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St., no parking except along road at Joe's Pond. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead

TURTLE HEAD LAKE: One and one quarter mile S. of Palos Heights on the W. side of Harlem Ave. Area 12 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, sunfishes, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

WAMPUM LAKE: One mile E. of Thornton, N. off of Thornton-Lansing Rd. Area 35 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, smallmouth bass, sunfishes, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Division of Fisheries

SPORT FISHING AWARDS

RULES

- 1. Fish must be legally caught by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trotline, jugs, bank poles, nets, seines, and snagging are ineligible.
- 2. Fish caught from fee fishing areas are not eligible.
- 3. The fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses (not relatives) and should be weighed to the nearest ounce on scales legal for trade. (Grocer scales, butcher scales.)
- 4. The total length of the fish must be measured to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The total length is from the snout, mouth closed, to the end of the tail.
- 5. Anyone who thinks he has a state record fish must have it positively identified by a Department of Conservation Fishery Biologist. Name and address of the District Fishery Biologist is listed below. If unable to contact, call the Regional Department of Conservation Office also listed below.
- 6. A clear, black and white, lateral view photograph of the fish must accompany the entry. The Department of Conservation must have permission to publish the photograph.
- 7. The Illinois Department of Conservation reserves the right to investigate and check the identification, the methods used in catching and the accuracy of measurement and weight before accepting the entry. The Illinois Department of Conservation also reserves the right to reject an entry.
- 8. All entries must be submitted within 90 days of being caught.

AWARDS

A Big Fish Shoulder Patch and Certificate (suitable for framing) will be awarded to those anglers who catch any of the fish listed below, that equal or exceed the minimum weight specified.

A Shoulder Patch and Engraved Wall Plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish of the species listed bigger than the current state record.



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Division of Fisheries
100 East Washington
Springfield, Illinois 62706

District Fishery Biologist



Regional Department
of Conservation Office



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIES TO BE ENTERED

Species	Minimum Weight	
	Pounds	Ounces
Largemouth Bass	7	0
Smallmouth Bass	3	8
Spotted Bass	3	8
White Bass	2	12
Yellow Bass	1	0
Striped Bass	15	0
Northern Pike	15	0
Muskie	15	0
Tiger Muskie	15	0
Walleye	6	0
Sauger	3	0
Yellow Perch	1	4
Bluegill	1	8
Redear	1	8
Green Sunfish	1	8
Rock Bass	1	0
Warmouth	1	0
Other Sunfish	1	0
Hybrid Sunfish	1	8
White Crappie	3	0
Black Crappie	3	0
Channel Catfish	17	0
Blue Catfish	30	0
Flathead Catfish	30	0
Black Bullhead	2	4
Yellow Bullhead	2	4
Brown Bullhead	2	4
Coho Salmon	15	0
Chinook Salmon	33	0
Kokanee Salmon	1	0
Pink Salmon	2	0
Atlantic Salmon	5	0
Lake Trout	15	0
Brown Trout	20	0
Rainbow Trout	15	0
Brook Trout	2	0
Tiger Trout	3	0
Splake	2	0
Carp	20	0
Freshwater Drum	10	0
Bowfin	8	0
Paddlefish	20	0
Smallmouth Buffalo	20	0
Bigmouth Buffalo	20	0
Shovelnose Sturgeon	2	0